

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

North Pole

North Pole is a home rule city located about 15 miles southeast of Fairbanks on the Richardson Highway. North Pole is part of the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 2,099, a gain of about 529 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 60 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 26 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

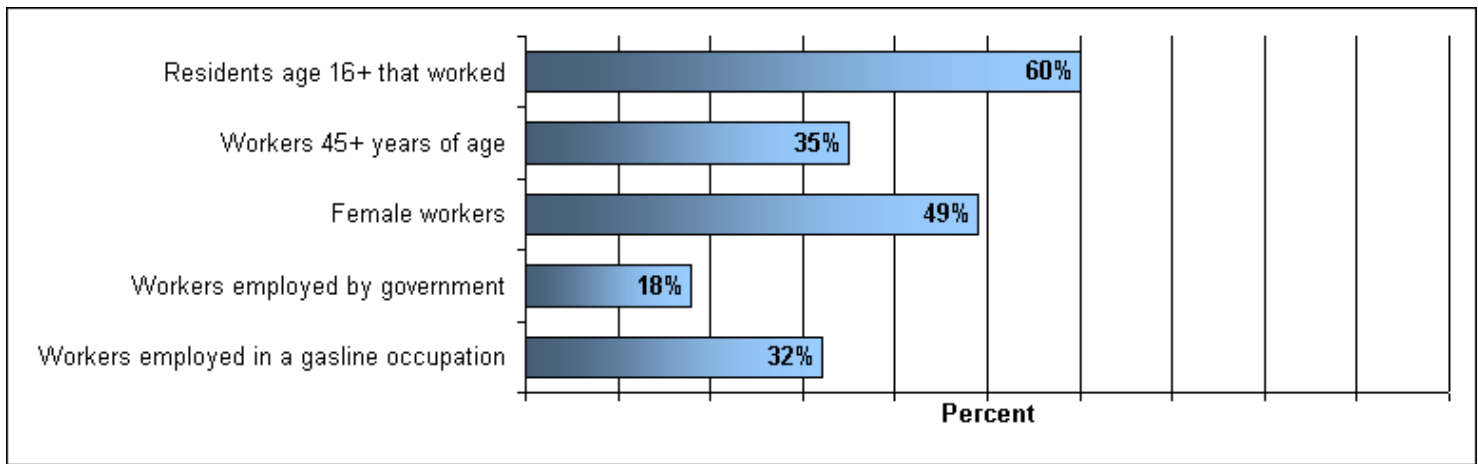
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

North Pole Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	1,396	Total wages	\$27,327,707
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	832	Private	684
Male	421	State government	67
Female	411	Local government	81
Age 45+	295	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	209	Peak (2nd) quarter workers	734
		Percent working all 4 quarters	69.5%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	93	Some construction	170
		At least 1 year construction	103
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	63
New hires	319	Worked in an AGIA occupation	600

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2008 Residents

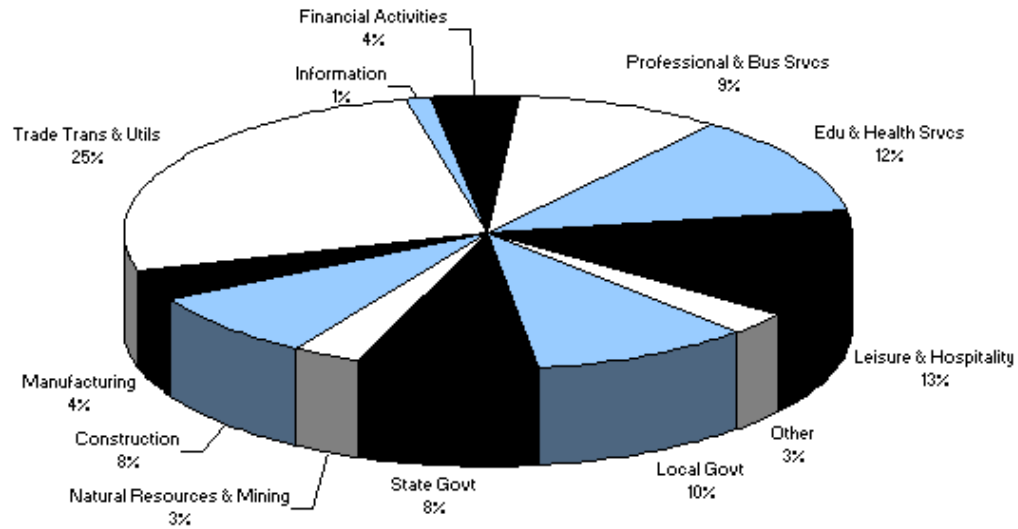


Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Retail Salespersons	33	63.6%	6	5
Cashiers	28	64.3%	11	9
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	28	53.6%	1	1
Teacher Assistants	24	87.5%	9	7
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	22	54.5%	12	8
Office Clerks, General AGIA	17	82.4%	6	2
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	15	13.3%	1	1
Home Health Aides	14	57.1%	2	2
Food Preparation and Serving Related Workers, All Other	13	61.5%	5	3
Electricians AGIA HOT JOB	13	0.0%	4	2
Receptionists and Information Clerks AGIA	12	100.0%	6	5
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products HOT JOB	11	36.4%	4	3
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	11	100.0%	7	5
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General AGIA	10	0.0%	3	3
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	10	0.0%	5	5
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks AGIA HOT JOB	10	90.0%	8	3
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants AGIA HOT JOB	9	88.9%	6	6
Bus Drivers, School	9	55.6%	5	4
Customer Service Representatives	8	62.5%	2	2
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education HOT JOB	8	75.0%	6	3
Registered Nurses HOT JOB	8	87.5%	4	4

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	24	16.7%	6	5
Construction	69	11.6%	20	14
Manufacturing	30	20.0%	14	8
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	214	36.4%	75	60
Information	8	37.5%	3	2
Financial Activities	33	69.7%	11	6
Professional and Business Services	76	44.7%	27	20
Educational and Health Services	99	81.8%	33	22
Leisure and Hospitality	107	60.7%	18	13
State Government	67	53.7%	38	26
Local Government	81	75.3%	42	28
Other	23	52.2%	8	5
Unknown	*	*	*	*

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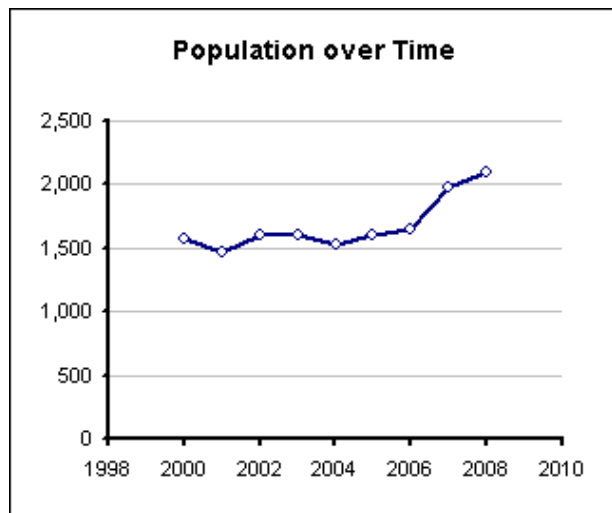
Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	294	358	428	503

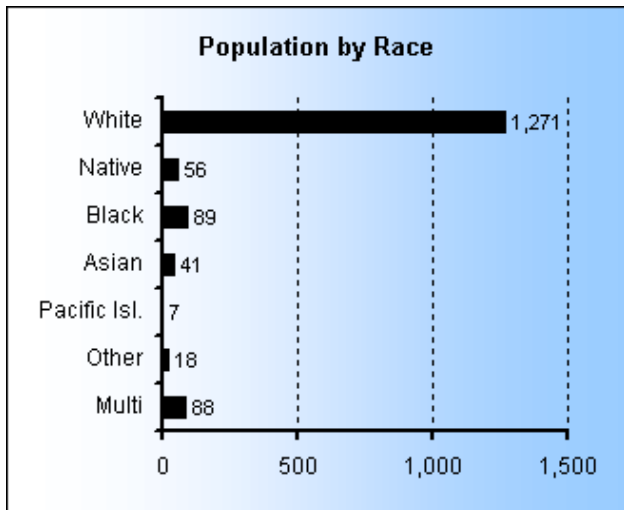
**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Fairbanks North Star School District
State of AK (excludes U of A)
University of AK
Banner Health System
Wal-Mart Associates Inc
Safeway Inc
Laidlaw Transit Inc
Forget Me Not Senior Care Homes Inc
Flint Hills Resources Alaska LLC
Fred Meyer Stores Inc
1st Security Investment Inc
McDonald's Restaurants of AK
FBKS North Star Borough



2000 Census	
Median Age	28.8
Average Family Size	3.2
Average Household Size	2.6
Per Capita Income	\$21,426
Median Family Income	\$54,583
Median Household Income	\$44,583



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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